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REGION IX**

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Dear Mr. Willden:

This letter is in response to your letter of June 11, 2003 (received June 23, 2003) requesting approval of a five year renewal of Nevada's home and community-based services (HCBS) Medicaid waiver for persons with mental retardation and related conditions, as authorized under Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act. I am pleased to inform you that your request to renew this waiver program has been approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The waiver has been assigned a new control number, 0125.90.R2., which should be used in any subsequent correspondence.

This waiver renewal deletes several waiver services (respite, residential rehabilitation, specialized medical equipment/supplies). Other changes include the redefinition of several waiver services (community day habilitation, family support arrangement, prevocational services, supported employment) and other procedural changes to foster supported living arrangements, person centered planning and participant self-direction in choosing, training and supervising personal care providers.

Based on the assurances and information you provided, I approve this waiver amendment effective October 1, 2003 as requested. With a satisfactory showing, this waiver may be renewed at the end of waiver year 5 (September 30, 2008).

This waiver amendment conforms fully to the requirements of the Statute and Medicaid regulations. We appreciate the effort and cooperation provided by you and your staff. If you have any questions, please contact Rick Spector at (415) 744-2978.

Sincerely,

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